

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Minutes:	Senior Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting:	October 28, 2003
Place of Meeting:	Milpitas City Hall, Committee Meeting Room

**I. CALL TO ORDER
& PLEDGE**

Chairperson Weisgerber called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Jim Burns, Albert Wang, Joanne Wood, Frances Woodworth and Denny Weisgerber.

Commissioners Absent: Mary Banick, Steve Lu, Bal Daquigan, and Bakshish Sandhu

Alternates Present: Amanda Santos was seated for Commissioner Banick and Joyce Dovlet was seated for Commissioner Lu

Council Liaison: Councilmember Althea Polanski.

Staff Present: Lynette Wilson, Recreation Program Coordinator
Cherie Sherrod, Public Service Assistant
Roseann Costabile, Nutrition Site Manager

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: to adopt the Agenda.
M/S: Woodworth/Wang
Ayes: Unanimous

III. MINUTES

MOTION: to approve the Minutes of the August 26, 2003, Senior Advisory Commission meeting.
M/S: Burns/Woodworth
Ayes: Unanimous

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT

Recreation Program Coordinator Wilson stated there was a delay in the Financial Report, because it had not been signed. She stated that there were no changes due to no revenue and no expenditures for the past two months.

V. CITIZEN FORUM

Art Swanson, 311 Carnegie, thanked staff for the fishing trip and mentioned that it was a wonderful reminder of childhood experiences.

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VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CORRESPONDENCE

Recreation Program Coordinator Wilson mentioned that the meeting room was now equipped with assisted listening devices and if anyone needed to use the equipment to let her know. She stated that Cherie Sherrod would mail the updated Directory of Local Officials to the commissioners. She read through the announcements listed on the agenda.

Alternate Commissioner Amanda Santos stated that the City's 50th anniversary would be a yearlong celebration. The anniversary party is scheduled for January 26, 2004, in Council Chambers from 7:00-11:00 pm. She stated other City events would include 1,000 balloons with the 50th anniversary logo at Global Village and a plaque to be placed at the tree planted during Arbor Day. She stated the meeting for last week was cancelled. She also mentioned that the Mayor is asking all the Commissions if they would like to purchase or donate momentos for the celebration. Councilmember Polanski clarified that the City Council sent out a questionnaire to each commissioner asking if they would like to have the commissions donate a piece of art to the City, in lieu of the City purchasing individual recognition gifts for commissioners. The funds for the gifts (such as a clock, plaque, etc.) would be used to purchase the piece of art. The questionnaire also asked for feedback on the Commissioner Recognition Dinner event (such as holding the function in the summertime, such as a BBQ, dessert social, or appetizer social). The commissioners had no comments.

Police Chief Lawson stated that crime within the City of Milpitas is the same as last year from January through October. He stated that there are currently 4 positions open in the police department and they are in the process of filling them. He said he has 8-9 officers out on disability or injuries. He warned commissioners to watch out for scams and con artists preying on seniors for various services and reminded them to always ask for a business license number or call the police department with concerns. He said they are beefing up staff for Halloween patrol so the children will have a safe Halloween.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Senior Issues Projects Update

Recreation Program Coordinator Wilson read the background information as written on the October agenda. She added that the portables should arrive in December and hopefully open for business late winter or early spring.

2. Senior Advisory Commissions Projects Updates

Commissioner Woodworth, facilitator of the Housing/Senior Center Task Force, stated that she did not have any new information.

Chair Weisgerber, facilitator of the Transportation Task Force, stated that he attended a meeting last Wednesday, for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at Weller School. Approximately 12 people were in attendance, of which five or so was staff. He stated that most of the meeting was geared around the BART extension project and how it could be used and the attendees' thoughts on the project. He said they discussed the important aspects for Milpitas, which included better transportation (especially for seniors and disabled from point of residence to a local pick up station and to the VTA stations) and how to pay for it.

Chair Weisgerber recommended Alternate Commissioner Dovlet to be placed on the Housing and Senior Center subcommittee. Alternate Commissioner Dovlet accepted, and all the commissioners agreed.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Review of Commission Bylaws** Recreation Program Coordinator Wilson read the background information as presented on page 3 of the agenda. She reiterated that Section 2 (all SAC Commissioners must be members of the Senior Center and the addition of the two alternates) and Section 8 (information on the voting and seating of alternates) are the only sections that affected the SAC.
- 2. Senior Center Promotions** Recreation Program Coordinator Wilson stated that staff is currently discussing ways to increase the number of participants at the Senior Center. With the opening of the new modular classrooms, staff will be bringing back the old classes along with creating new classes. Staff will also be conducting a promotional campaign. Senior Center staff is requesting the assistance of the SAC to gather and distribute information about its programs. The Commissioners agreed to help with the distribution of promotional materials.
Milo asked if there might be computer accessibility in the new classrooms. Recreation Program Coordinator Wilson stated that staff is looking into the possibility.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

1. STAFF REPORTS

- 1.1 Recreation Services** Recreation Program Coordinator Wilson read the report as noted on page 2 of the agenda.
- 1.2 Senior Center Nutrition** Nutrition Site Manager, Roseann Costabile read the report as noted on page 2 of the agenda.

2. LIAISON REPORTS

2.1 City Council

Councilmember Althea Polanski stated that due to the devastation in Southern California, the Milpitas Fire Department has one force at the Cedar Fire in San Diego and she has heard that the members are safe and okay.

Councilmember Polanski stated that the Terrace Gardens Recreation Director position was eliminated and the Senior Center staff should distribute information there regarding senior programs. She announced that City Council reviewed the priorities for the CDBG block grants. For Public Services granting the top priorities are (in order) senior services, youth and teen, homeless services and sheltering, child care, and battered women services. She stressed to the Commission that the City Council still sees senior services as a high priority. She stated she thought the figure was approximately \$350,000 for grants and services for last year. Councilmember Dixon informed the Commission that the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Vice Mayor and Finance Director went to New York with the City's bond insurers and consultants for the City's Redevelopment Agency and received an AA credit rating from Standard and Poors and Fitch, which is real good. The City will save \$7-8 million in interest from selling the Bonds, which will be sold either this week or next week for the amount of \$200 million. \$50 million is allocated for the Senior Center and Library projects and \$44 million is allocated for Santa Clara County for the property purchased around Elmwood County Jail. There will be \$30 million worth of Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) this year and Mayor Esteves will set up a subcommittee for program review. The subcommittee will provide quarterly reports at City Council meetings on the progress. There will be 13 construction, 52 design, and about 27 projects that are miscellaneous and post construction. She further mentioned that there is an opening on the Planning Commission. The City Council made a budget allocation for a Historical Book for the City's Anniversary.

2.2 Council on Aging Advisory Committee

Frances Woodworth reported that guest speaker at the October 13, 2003, meeting was Peter Szego of AARP. He discussed the status of prescription drug plans under Medicare. Medicare was established in 1965. Medicare Part A (hospital) includes drugs and Part B (outpatient) does not. He believes

that in the future, there will be discount cards and that changes in the system would not take place until 2004 or 2005.

2.3 AARP

Commissioner Wood reported that AARP's last meeting was on October 16, 2003. A presentation was made on Essential Tremors and it was an interesting topic. AARP will hold a noontime potluck at the Pioneer Mobile Home Park on November 20, 2003.

2.4 Nutrition Site Council

Nutrition Site Manager Roseann Costabile stated that the Nutrition Site Council would be donating \$50.00 for the Thanksgiving lunch and \$50.00 for the Holiday party. She stated that six people attended the last meeting and they stated that they enjoy the Chinese box lunch. Roseann mentioned that Art Swanson did not attend the Project Council, which is the countywide meeting, so there is no report. She also stated that the Nutrition Site Council's 30th anniversary is next year, and they will be planning a party in March and the Community Center is a possible location. The Nutrition Site Council has an account balance of \$546.34.

2.5 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Com.

No report.

2.6 Arts Commission

Councilmember Polanski mentioned that the artist featured at the Milpitas Phantom Art Gallery at the Community Center is Carl Roach. He paints seascapes and old barns. He is also a student in the art class offered through the Senior Center.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for the 4th Thursday of the month, December 23, 2003, at 1:30 pm, in the City Hall Committee Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Cherie Sherrod
Commission Secretary